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1. Passengers traveling on the Harbin-Manchouli (117-27, 49-36) railway, which passes through Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-22), are thoroughly searched. Before proceeding to Manchouli, they must secure from the Bureau of Public Safety in Tsitsihar a traveling permit, the form of which is very simple. It is known as a Kung Han Lu Tan (共杆路单) and is effective only if the signature of the (chief?) of the Bureau of Public Safety appears thereon.

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2. Harbin, which is divided into districts, has organized a "Street Office", or Chieh Kung So (街公所). This organization employs one secretary and several officials who carry out the duties of policemen. They have the power of arrest and the power to "liquidate" persons on a moment's notice. (The former police office of the Bureau of Public Safety has been deactivated. There are wards under each street office, groups under each ward, and families under each group. The size of each street office depends upon the size of the street.) Note: This may be nothing more than the retention of the Pao Chia (保甲) system or the Japanese system of "Neighborhood Associations".
3. Merchants desiring to ship goods from a Nationalist area to a Communist area may do so only if they possess a transport permit issued by the district office of the Communist area.

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